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## Intimations.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at FOUR o'clock p.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 29th Instant.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1881.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Head-office, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Account to 30th April last, and of declaring dividends.

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By Order,

W. H. RAY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1881.

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By Order of the Board,  
D. GILLIES,

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THE Thirtieth Ordinary Half-yearly  
Meeting of Shareholders in the  
Company will be held at the Office of  
the Company, No. 52, Queen's-road, on  
Thursday, the 28th July instant, at  
Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the  
purpose of receiving a Report of the  
Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and  
electing Directors and Auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors.

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1881.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND  
MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,

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#### THE Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 27TH JULY, 1881.

The question of the prevalence of gambling in this colony has again cropped up, a leader in Saturday's *Daily Press*, and a letter in the *China Mail*, keeping the subject well before the public. Our morning contemporary, on the alleged authority of a Chinese correspondent, repeats the astounding assertions which we called attention to, and disproved by incontrovertible facts, and plain figures, on the 7th instant. The gentleman who writes to the evening paper is evidently perfectly well acquainted with the actual position of affairs, and as his views are expressed in every instance but one with becoming moderation, we have much pleasure in directing the attention of every one interested in the matter, including the *Daily Press*, to the letter signed "Enquirer" in Saturday's *China Mail*, for a most impartial statement of the actual position of affairs.

The suppression of gambling has always presented many difficulties to the authorities, since the licenses were cancelled, and the vice declared illegal. That the old system of Chinese detection was ill-suited to the requirements of the Act which prohibited gambling, events very soon plainly demonstrated; and we are informed on what may be considered reliable authority, that even after the closing of the public gambling houses, the number of private hells in swing, almost equalled the licensed houses in their palmy days. Taking a common sense, practical view of the case, it appears to us a very grave question whether the enforced closing of the public gambling houses in this Colony was such a master stroke of policy after all. In the days of licensed houses, gaming was conducted under the immediate surveillance of the police authorities, so that cheating, and all

the double dealing and chicanery which are specially characteristic of private and illegal gambling dens, were rendered well nigh impossible. With public resorts to go to, where everything was square and above board, there was no inducement for would-be gamblers to patronise unlicensed haunts, consequently illegal gambling houses were comparatively few and far between. That there was a certain amount of illicit gambling even when licenses were issued, cannot be doubted; but its presence was not felt so objectionably as has been the case since the passing of the Ordinance prohibiting gambling in any shape or form.

In making laws for a Chinese community whose habits and idiosyncrasies are perfectly unintelligible to the ordinary run of what we term civilised mankind, it should not be forgotten that special complaints require special remedies. Nor can we altogether ignore the fact that the Chinese residents of Hongkong have some claims on the consideration of the Government, even as regards their pernicious habits and prejudices. Gambling is not one whit more sinful to-day when it is prohibited by our laws, than it was in those days, not so many years ago, when a portion of our revenue was derived from licenses legalising and protecting it. Of ethics, according to our English ideas, the Chinese know little, and apparently care still less. They know that gambling was once legalised in Hongkong, and they are unable to comprehend the system of morality, or the questions of general polity, which, without any apparent benefits to the colony, have necessitated the transformation of what was for years protected and fostered by successive Governments, into a heinous crime. Truly enough they know the law, but what can idle laws do with a people who have no morals? If the moral sentiments of a people are completely relaxed or forgotten, the penalties imposed by the wisest legislature for what is not considered criminal, can effect little good. As a question of expediency, therefore, it would almost seem that the colony would have been financially far better off, and morally, certainly not much worse than at present, had the law legalising public gaming houses never been repealed.

However, we must now take matters as we find them. The Downing Street authorities, although compelled to shield with the arms of the law, that necessary evil, licensed prostitution, would doubtless object, under any representations, to return to the old state of affairs as regards gambling. There may be a good deal of inconsistency in making such a wide distinction between the two crying evils of every large community in the Far East; but whereas gambling can be reduced to a minimum by a well-organised police force, that other unspeakable vice can never be made altogether amenable to law and discipline, so it is perhaps better to leave it as it is.

The great difficulty experienced in putting down gambling, may safely enough be attributed to the improper and unsuitable system organised to meet the trouble at the commencement. Physicians tell us that the most potent medicines may be too late, when the disease has been permitted to gain ground by unnecessary delay. So it has been to a great extent with the suppression of gambling. Captain Thomsett has publicly stated that the *Mail's* remarks are "incorrect," and he can safely enough vouch for the latter part of the particular passage referred to. We can speak for the rest, and repeat that our contemporary's statement is an atrocious falsehood, worthy of the contemptible coquin who wrote it.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 26.

Sir,—I regret to see the following statement in your last evening's issue of the *China Mail*:—"His Excellency stands reverently as an Administrator

of a Chinese correspondent." The great increase of prisoners in Victoria Gaol is owing to the large number of gamblers detected and convicted under the new system, as the records plainly prove; and one has only to refer to the police court proceedings for the past year, and compare the gambling cases tried with those of any previous year, to receive convincing proof that some slight amount of credit is due to H. E. the Governor, for an innovation which has reduced gambling to a very low ebb, and in all respects worked remarkably well.

We must however, as a simple act of justice, call attention to the fact that the Inspectors, who have had the entire charge of the gambling raids, and prosecutions; the men, who have actually done the whole of the work, have received no recognition whatever at the hands of the Government. This is not as it should be. Officers who do extra work, and that of a special, important, and at times, dangerous character deserve well of the State. The *China Mail* correspondent has done good service in calling attention to the \$100 per month, paid to the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Registrar General, for their supposed extra exertions in putting down public gambling. It may be accepted as a matter of fact, that the extra duties performed by the Captain Superintendent, in the suppression of gambling, are not sufficiently onerous to merit such lavish remuneration; and so far as the Registrar General is concerned, we cannot find that, under the present administration, he has had or has now anything whatever to do with gambling, so that his \$100 per month is merely a sinecure, which ought not to exist in these enlightened times. As the police officers have actually achieved all that has been done in the suppression of gambling, it seems to us that they, and not the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Registrar General, should receive the \$200 per month, or any other sum which the Government thinks proper to allot as a recognition of their efficient services.

We beg specially to direct the attention of our readers to the annexed letter, and editorial note, which appeared in last night's *China Mail*. They form a fitting sequel to our leader of yesterday. We condole with our contemporary on his humiliation, and regret exceedingly that the foot note appended to Captain Thomsett's letter is not characterised by better taste. All the quibbling in the world will not materially alter the fact that the *China Mail* maliciously published, what every sane person in the Colony knew to be, a slanderous falsehood affecting the Governor, and after a very uncomfortable afternoon, had to stultify himself in a fashion rather debasing to a self-styled honest, and independent journal. Notwithstanding the slap in the face he receives from Captain Thomsett's direct contradiction, our contemporary sulkily begs the question, and actually has the impudent audacity to assert, in the face of the Harbour Master's letter, that without any great difficulty the passage pronounced to be "incorrect," could be shown to be a fair and reasonable statement.

Treating the *China Mail* to the courtesy which is diplomatic, as well as in literary circles, is customary even between bitter opponents, would be like throwing pearls before swine. Captain Thomsett has publicly stated that the *Mail's* remarks are "incorrect," and he can safely enough vouch for the latter part of the particular passage referred to. We can speak for the rest, and repeat that our contemporary's statement is an atrocious falsehood, worthy of the contemptible coquin who wrote it.

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who has stooped to publicly traduce the official character of his subordinate, and then to beseech from that ill-used gentleman, as a personal favour, escape from the natural consequences of his acts."

As these remarks have reference to the action of H. E. the Governor towards myself, I think it right to inform you that they are incorrect.

I shall be obliged if you can publish this letter in the next issue of the *China Mail*.

Your's faithfully,  
H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.

[We accede with pleasure to the request made in the above communication.

At the same time we cannot help thinking that it would have been more satisfactory to the public, as well as better calculated to serve the purpose the writer seems to have in view, had Captain Thomsett pointed out the particular inaccuracies which he regrets to have seen in print. We distinctly stated that, "if what is now public talk comes at all near the truth," so and so was the case; and it seems to us that the public are entitled to something more than a mere general assertion that a certain passage quoted is "incorrect." Where and in what is it incorrect? Is it in some phrase, or in a certain turn of a sentence? or is the substance of the statement made entirely devoid of foundation? For the credit of the administration of this British Colony, we should be only too happy to state "on authority" that there is no truth in the allegation which we have stated is generally believed.

Captain Thomsett's letter, however, fails to meet the case. We made no pretence to narrate what actually took place at the interview between His Excellency Governor Hennessy and Captain Thomsett, and it would be sufficient for us to show that the passage pronounced to be "incorrect" is a fair and reasonable statement. This could, we think, be done without any great difficulty. The very object of the interview must have been to obtain an informal promise from Captain Thomsett not to proceed with the action which he had requested permission officially to initiate. That, it seems, was obtained; and what we have consistently opposed in Governor Hennessy's administration for the last four years is this informal and unofficial mode of doing business. The great difficulty is, and always has been, to obtain from the present Governor, or, straightforward official answers to official letters; and as we conceive it to be one of the duties of an honest journalist to expose such irregularities of administration, especially when they produce effects such as Governor Hennessy's system has continuously revealed, there is no special cause for regret in this case.

As for the phase of Sir John Hennessy's official conduct which was said to be revealed, that cannot well be gainsaid. Let all the documents, however, be treated with the same publicity as have the other papers out of which this difficulty first arose; and, as we have said, if they prove us to be wrong, it will be a relief for us to find that the public and ourselves had for once judged erroneously or been incorrectly informed as to Governor Hennessy.—ED. C. M.]

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The gunboat *Midge*, 4, left this morning for Amoy.

The *Kestrel*, 4, Commander W. M. Laug, left for Amoy yesterday.

Lieut. Francis H. Haygarth, H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, has been appointed to the command of the *Lapwing*, vice Scott deceased.

A new comic weekly called *Quiz* has been started in Shanghai and emanates from the *Mercury* office.

By the *Overland Mail* we learn that the promotion of Colonel Horatio H. Morant, half pay, late 27th Regiment, creates a vacancy amongst Her Majesty's Aides-de-Camp, and that Colonel Sir Howard C. Elphinstone, V. C., K. C. B., C. M. G., Royal Engineers, will be placed on the paid establishment to fill the vacancy.

We learn from the *Shanghai Mercury* that H. E. Chen Lan-ping, Minister

Plenipotentiary for the United States, Spain, and Peru, has been recalled, and Chen Tsao-ju, at present Customs Taotai at Tientsin, appointed as his successor. The new Minister was formerly at the Shanghai Arsenal, and like his predecessor, is a native of Canton.

All the foreign officers employed in the Chinese revenue service of Canton have now been discharged. The *Peng-Chao-Hai* was the last vessel relieved, and the Chinese took over charge of the vessel at Canton yesterday. We are glad to hear that Captain Palmer has been offered a post in the Foreign Customs.

Ts'en Yu-ying the newly appointed Governor of Fokien and Formosa, arrived in Canton on Thursday from Kweichow, and proceeds in a few days to Foochow.

The Viceroy of Canton persuaded Ts'en to postpone his departure for some days to enable them to consult together on matters in which the two provincial Governments of Kwangtung and Fokien are concerned. It will be remembered that the new Governor of Fokien was a member of the Yunnan Commission of Enquiry into the murder of Mr. Margary.

There has been a rumour in circulation for the last few days, that Mr. Robert Hart the Inspector General of the Chinese Customs is expected here.

Whether the arrival of the new gunboats, or the issue of the stock of the new Loan, has given rise to this rumour, we cannot say, but we much doubt, considering the important matters now in course of progress at Peiping, whether the Inspector General could be spared from the capital, at all events, at the moment.

We hear that a testimonial to the Rev. Mr. Booth, who has recently been officiating at the Cathedral in the place of the Very Rev. Dean Butcher, is to be presented to him by the congregation, and that it is now lying for signature at the Agra Bank; also that it will be shortly forwarded to him. We understand that literally the testimonial is not by the general public but only by the congregation. N. C. Daily News.

*Loss of the Annie S. Hall.*—News was brought to Shanghai to-day, of another wreck resulting from the gale of last Friday. The *Annie S. Hall*, three masted schooner, was anchored in seven fathoms, off the south point of Tai-chow Island; she dragged both her anchors, and was eventually lost on the Island. Captain Nelson and all the crew, except one, the Chinese cook, were saved. They were taken to Wenchow in the Chinese gunboat *Chien*, and are to be brought on to Shanghai in her. The *Annie S. Hall* was an American schooner of 435 tons. She left here for Nagasaki on the 16th February last. Messrs. Vogel & Co. were her agents. She was on a voyage from Newchwang to Hongkong.—*Mercury*.

In reply to inquiries from several friends, to whom we are indebted for calling our attention to the *enquiry*, we beg to say that all reports to the effect that His Excellency the Governor privately subscribes for 50 copies of the *Telegraph* daily, are entirely without foundation. As a matter of fact His Excellency does not subscribe for one single copy of this paper, beyond what is required for the Government departments, and this order amounts to one dozen copies per day, which, we believe, is exactly the same number supplied by our contemporaries. We are beginning to wonder how much farther our unscrupulous, back-biting opponents will attempt to go with their venomous falsehoods, before we are compelled to bring them up with a round turn!

By the *Broad Arrow* of the 11th June, we learn that our old friends the 7th Highlanders, now the 2nd battalion "The Highland Light Infantry," arrived at Aldershot on the 30th May. The regiment was met at the railway station by Captain Dooner, 108th, Brigade Major of the 2nd Infantry Brigade, and was played into camp by the bands of the 93rd Highlanders, the 45th (the Sherwood Foresters), and the 95th (the Dorsetshire). According to the *Broad Arrow* the move-

ments of the regiment since their last appearance in the great national camp are as follows:—Left Aldershot for Dover in 1865, went to Liverpool in 1867, and Dublin in 1869. After staying five weeks in the Irish capital the regiment was ordered to Gibraltar where they stayed somewhere about four years, passing on to Malta in 1872. From Malta the regiment followed its predecessor and arrived in the Straits Settlements, with its head quarters at Singapore, at the time when the Malay little trouble was on hand, and a distribution of the corps took place, the head quarters and two companies being stationed at Penang, one company at Qualla Kanza, one company at Banda Bharu, and the remainder in Singapore. Representations were made to Horse Guards both by telegram, and by letter, respecting the alleged unhealthiness of the 28th, then in this garrison, which again caused the regiment to move and they found themselves in Hongkong in 1878. In 1879 they again returned to the Straits Settlements, and eventually found their way to Glasgow in 1870, after thirteen years continuous foreign service. On the 2nd June, Major-General Sir H. W. Havelock-Allan, Bart., inspected the regiment and expressed himself highly satisfied with the general appearance and steadiness of the men under arms.

#### LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, July 27th, 1881.  
One o'clock P.M.

The extraordinary success which has attended the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's attempt to float the Chinese Imperial Silver Loan, is the very best proof which could be adduced to show the admirable manner in which the affairs of that institution are directed. Without denying that the Court of Directors are entitled to great praise for their efforts, general opinion would seem to indicate that the Chief Manager, Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. Ewen Cameron, Manager, in Shanghai, and Mr. Henry Smith, the Chief Accountant, are the men who have brought this Loan to a successful issue; and the Shareholders are to be congratulated on having business men of such tried experience, and remarkable foresight, at the head of affairs. Considering that the tenders accepted average within a fraction of 3½ per cent premium on the amount of the Loan, which, roughly speaking means a clear profit of \$210,000, without including the profits on exchanges, &c., it is hardly to be wondered at that Bank shares are quoted at 115 per cent premium, and at that price a large amount of genuine cash business transactions have been booked. Indicating the permanent stability of the stock, clever men are found speculating on time bargains, at the high rate of 123 for December, and even a higher price than this would appear to be justified by the prospects of the Bank. Docks are, if anything, weaker than yesterday, sellers at 58 being plentiful; but as the money of all those who tendered for the Imperial Loan at less than 3½ per cent, will now be let loose on the Exchange, some substantial business in this old established stock may be looked for. At any rate the only apparent reason for the late fall, is on account of so much capital having been tied up in the Loan. Sugars are weaker also, and after a few sales at 67½, 65 became the best offer, and the shares are now on offer at the price. Hotels are quiet at 112½, and probably on the downward line, as it is reported that the Chinese offers for the property are not altogether what was expected. It appears to us that this stock has been made the medium of a good deal of speculation lately merely on the strength of reports, which were probably as reliable as Stock Exchange *canards* usually are. The Hotel Company's Report which appears in another column is fairly satisfactory, and no doubt the Chairman will make some important re-

marks apon future prospects at the Meeting of Shareholders on the 29th inst. Appended quotations will explain the position of all other Stocks.

#### Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—115 per cent. premium, Sales.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,700 per share.  
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.  
Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 820 per share.  
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$300 per share, Ex. Div.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,000 per share.  
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$297 per share, Sales.  
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—58 per cent prem. Sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam-boat Company's Shares—\$31 per share premium.  
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.  
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$112½ per share, Sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$165 per share, Sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent premium.  
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.  
Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43½ per share.  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1874—(Nominal).  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—(Nominal).

#### Exchange.

On LONDON,—  
Bank Bills, T.T., ..... 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8½  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 3/9  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, ..... 3/9½  
On PARIS,—  
Bank Bills, on demand, ..... 4.66  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 4.76  
On BOMBAY,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 225  
On CALCUTTA,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 225  
On SHANGHAI,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 72  
Private, 30 days' sight, ..... 72½

#### THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Friday next:

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association the directors have now to submit to you their half-yearly report with statement of accounts for the six months ending 30th June, 1881.

#### HOTEL BUILDING.

The repairs to the buildings during the past six months have been very light and the hotel remains in a satisfactory condition.

#### LOAN ACCOUNT.

The directors have pleasure in stating that during the last half-year a sum of \$3,000 has been paid in reduction of the loan, which now stands at \$55,000.

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

After deducting such pro rata proportion of fire insurance, taxes, allowance of rent, repairs, &c., as is chargeable on the period under review, this account shows a balance of \$6,638.02, of which amount the directors, with the concurrence of the shareholders, propose to distribute a dividend of \$2.50 per share, thus absorbing a sum of \$4,615 and to write the balance \$93.02 off "Hotel and Furniture" account.

#### DIRECTORS.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. W. R. Landsteiner and the resignation of Mr. F. Grobton on his departure from the colony, two vacancies have occurred on the Board. The same have been filled by the election of Mr. Wm.

Reiners and the Hon. Phineas Ryrie, and these appointments require the confirmation of the shareholders.

According to Section 82 of the Articles of Association, two of the directors, Messrs. E. R. Belilius and H. Hoppus, retire from Board, but are eligible for re-election.

#### AUDITORS.

Messrs. A. E. Vaucher and E. Cope, the retiring auditors, are recommended by the directors for re-election.

E. R. BELILIUS, Chairman.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

##### ARRIVALS.

July 26, *Saghalien*, French steamer, 2982, Rollond, Shanghai, 128th July.—Messageries Maritimes Co.  
July 26, *Diamante*, British steamer, 514, R. F. Cullen, Amoy July 25th, General.—Russell & Co.  
July 26, *Ajrah*, Dutch steamer, 957, M. de Neep, Batavia 1st July, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
July 27, *Anna*, German bark, 350, Davidson, Whampoa 26th July, General.—Wielers & Co.

##### DEPARTURES.

July 26, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, for Canton.  
July 27, *Thornhill*, British steamer, for Batavia.  
July 27, *Welle*, German steamer, for Keelung.  
July 27, *Midge*, British gunboat, for Amoy, &c.  
July 27, *Vortigern*, British steamer, for Singapore.  
July 27, *Ping-pon*, American steamer, for Hoilow.  
July 27, *Yangtsze*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

##### PASSENGERS.

###### ARRIVED.

Per *Saghalien*, French steamer, from Shanghai to Hongkong;—Mr. Ch. Brown, Rev. P. Bellot, Rev. P. Atchao, and 29 Chinese. For Marseilles, Messrs. Ruttmann, C. Fock, E. Fisher, and Sauvagot.

Per *Diamante*, British steamer, from Amoy, one European deck, and 80 Chinese.

Per *Hungaria*, Austrian steamer, from Bombay, 1 Cabin, and from Penang and Singapore, 41 Chinese.

#### SHIPPING REPORTS.

The French steamer *Saghalien* from Shanghai, reports fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Diamante* from Amoy, reports had light Southerly winds and fine weather throughout.

#### SHANGHAI.

We take the following items from the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 21st instant:

A Band of Pirates, supposed to be those who plundered the German barque *Occident*, have been captured and taken to Foochow; and four of them sentenced to death.

Death of Commander W. G. Scott, of H.M.S. "Lapwing."

A shock of painful surprise was felt through the foreign community this morning, when the news was spread that Commander Scott, of Her Majesty's gunboat *Lapwing*, had shot himself on board his ship. The collision case at present before H.B.M.'s Supreme Court has been the chief topic before the public during the past week, and our readers will be aware from our report that Commander Scott, in his position as defendant had a very trying and difficult task. The anxiety thus occasioned seems to have been the cause of depressing his spirits, while he was also of a nervous temperament and had been suffering in bodily health.

Commander Scott gave evidence in the Supreme Court yesterday, and his cross-examination was to have been continued to-day; but the Court sat from nine to eleven hearing other evidence. No public intimation was made in Court of the occurrence; an adjournment was merely announced till

three o'clock. The news that the shooting had terminated fatally was conveyed to the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. R. A. Mowat, who in the capacity of Coroner held an

#### INQUEST.

On board the *Lapwing*, with Messrs. Anton Lindsay, Edward Ward, and B. A. Clarke as Jurors.

The following evidence was heard:

William Dudley Wodsworth depos'd,

—I am staff-surgeon of H.M.S. *Lapwing*.

The body which the Jurors have just viewed is the body of Commander Scott. I have examined it. A gun-

shot wound penetrating the brain was the cause of death. I heard what I took to be a shot fired at about 8.50 a.m. to-day, while I was walking on deck. The captain's servant rushed on deck and said the captain had shot himself. I went below to his cabin and found the body lying in the sleeping cabin, with the feet towards the drawers, and the head on the sill of the door. Life was not extinct. He died in about an hour. He was unconscious the whole time. He was partially dressed. The aperture of entry is situated on the right temple, about midway between the angle of the eye and the lobe of the ear. From the direction of the wound and the matter issuing from the wound, the bullet must have penetrated the brain. There were two wounds. The second was the aperture of exit. The ball traversed the brain. The ball was found on the floor of the sleeping cabin. The ball is a pistol bullet apparently, weighing two drams. I have seen a pistol from which it is supposed to have been fired. The captain's servant found the pistol beneath the body. (Pistol and bullet produced). The doctor of the *Fochow* and Dr. Little also saw him before he died. Nothing could be done for him. He has lately been suffering from diarrhoea and derangement of the bowels. I asked him if he wanted anything before going to Court. He replied "No;" and said that he felt better this morning, but that he would like a glass of port in a flash to take with him. This conversation was in his cabin. I left him there. This would be about ten minutes before I heard the shot. He seemed rather distressed and mentally depressed. He was of a nervous temperament naturally. Latterly he has been more so.

By a Juror.—He has been suffering under nervous excitement and mental depression for some time. He had suffered from fever and dysentery at Tientsin, and that would have a depressing effect on him.

By the Coroner.—I have no doubt the wound was self-inflicted. I cannot say whether he was sitting, or standing, or lying down when the shot was fired. I should think he fell, because there is a wound on the chin as if he had struck against something in falling. He had no coat on and no hat, when I spoke to him in his cabin. He was similarly dressed when I next saw him. He had breakfast.

George Buckett, A. B., and doing duty as captain's servant depos'd—I was in his room at ten minutes to nine. I asked him if he wanted his frock coat to go ashore. He said "Yes, in a minute or two." He then asked if his boat was manned alongside. I told him "Yes." I left the cabin, and as soon as I got outside I heard the report of a pistol. I ran in and saw him lying between the doors. I ran into the wardroom and gave the alarm. I found the pistol and bullet both under him.

It was his own pistol. When I spoke to him he was coming out of the small cabin, and when I left he turned back towards his cabin. I did not notice anything strange about him.

The inquest was then adjourned.

#### Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register, Queen's-road).

HONGKONG, 26th and 27th July.

BAROMETER—1 P.M. ..... 29.882

Do. 4 P.M. ..... 29.893

TERMOMETER—1 P.M. ..... 85.

Do. 4 P.M. ..... 86.

Do. 1 P.M. (Wet-bulb) 82.

Do. 4 P.M. Do. 82.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ..... 29.890

TERMOMETER—9 A.M. ..... 84.

Do. 9 A.M. (Wet-bulb) 81.

Do. Maximum ..... 86.

Do. Minimum (over night) 80.

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CUTLER PALMER & Co.'s "CARTE

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MUMM'S (JULS) CHAMPAGNE

pints. and qts.

NEYEN'S (BODEN) BOUZY,

pints. and qts.

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SARDIN, pints. and qts. Theophile Ro-

derer & Co.'s VERZENAY MOUSSEUX,

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Apply to  
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Hongkong, July 21, 1881.

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**H**OUSES containing 4 rooms, &c., at \$15 each per month, including taxes, from 1st August, 1881, also one house with garden at \$20 per month.

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Hongkong, June 28, 1881.

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## NOTICE.

The Business of General Printers  
and Bookbinders, lately conducted  
by the late Mr. J. J. da Silva e Souza  
under the style of

DE SOUZA & Co.,  
will henceforth be carried on under  
the same style by the undersigned,  
as Lessees of the Goodwill, Machinery,  
Plant, &c., belonging to the said  
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J. J. DE SOUZA.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Infants' Christening Robes.

Frilling, assorted kinds.

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Ladies' Costumes, of the best quality  
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Pale blue, pale pink, and cream, Mull  
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Ladies' Silk Hoso—black, white, and  
colored.

White and Black Silk Mittens.

Ladies' striped Cotton Hoso.

Gentlemen's White and Balbriggan  
Half-hose.

Gentlemen's, Ladies', and Children's  
Gauze Singlets.

Silk Ribbons.

Ladies' Tennis Shoes; Stays, and Silk  
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J. & P. Coates' Machine Cotton 300  
yards reel, and a lot of useful  
articles for Ladies dresses, &c.

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Gentlemen's Smoking Caps.

Cashmere Shawls.

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Indian Jewellery, comprising Silver  
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Hongkong, 21st June, 1881.

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Chateau Margaux ...per doz. qts. \$11.00

Do. ...per 2 doz. pts. \$12.00

Chateau Leoville ...per doz. qts. \$11.00

Do. ...per 2 doz. pts. \$12.00

St. Emilion .....per doz. qts. \$ 7.50

Duplessis Cottage per doz. qts. \$ 6.00

Medoc .....per doz. qts. \$ 7.50

St. Julien .....per doz. qts. \$ 6.50

Do. .....per doz. pts. \$ 7.00

Chateau de Choisy per doz. qts. \$ 5.00

Bonne Cote Vieux per doz. qts. \$ 5.00

Do. .....per doz. qts. \$ 5.50

Bordeaux Claret } per doz. qts. \$ 3.50

Moutforant ... } per doz. qts. \$ 4.00

Old Breakfast } per doz. qts. \$ 2.50

Claret } per doz. qts. \$ 3.00

Do. .....per doz. pts. \$ 3.00

St. Julian .....in cask \$80.00

Medoc .....\$55.00

Bordeaux Breakfast } per dozen \$38.00

Claret } per dozen \$20.00

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Muscat Grenache, recom- } per dozen \$ 7.00

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Mouliet .....per doz. \$ 8.00

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Yellow Chartreuse per doz. qts. \$25.00

Do. .....per btl. \$ 2.25

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